

Arthur W. Divens

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Mr. Divens is the PEO Ships Director for New Construction, Amphibious and Auxiliary Ships, responsible for the construction and delivery of the Navy's expeditionary warfare platforms, including LHD 8, LCAC, LPD 17, T-AKE, T-AOE(X), Sealift Ships, Special Mission Ships, Patrol Boats, Service Craft, Boats, and Foreign Military Sales.

Mr. Divens has served in a number of capacities in his career beginning with the Military Sealift Command's Ship Introduction Directorate to present where he has been involved with the design, construction, or conversion of over 100 ships. Some of the notable ships and classes include T-AO 187 class oilers, conversion SL-7 containerhips to T-AKR Fast Sealift Ships, T-AGOS, T-ARC, T-AGS 45, T-AKR (LMSR), and T-AKE.

In 1997, Mr. Divens began work with the US shipbuilding industry to develop a national collaboration for shipbuilding technology research. The Program merged the best of DARPA's MARITECH program with the best features of the Navy's National Shipbuilding Research Program.

Mr. Divens received his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point and his Masters of Science degree from the University of Maryland. During his distinguished career as a public servant, Mr. Divens has received the Civilian Meritorious Medal, and two Civilian Superior Service Medals. In April 2000 he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

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